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SUBJECT: AMIN BRIEFS THE TROOPS

1. PRESIDENT AMIN BRIEFED MEMBERS OF PARATROOP SCHOOL, MALIRE MECHANIZED REGIMENT AND COMMANDOS MAY 22 IN KAMPALA.
2. GENERAL URGED TROOPS TO BE PREPARED TO LIBERATE PARTS OF AFRICA AND TO BE IN FOREFRONT SHOWING MEANING OF AFRICAN SOLIDARITY. HE SAID OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRIES SHOULD FOLLOW EXAMPLE OF LIBYA, WHICH AIDED UGANDA WITH TROOPS, IN SEPTEMBER 1972.
3. WHILE UNDERGOING MEDICAL CHECKUP AT MULAGO HOSPITAL (HE WAS PRONOUNCED " VERY FIT"), AMIN SAID DOCTORS THERE INFORMED HIM THEY HAD BEEN INTIMIDATED BY PEOPLE WHO SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS GOING TO DETAIN THEM. AMIN SAID THIS WAS BEING DONE BY MEMBERS OF DISBANDED GENERAL SERVICES UNIT AND EX- SOLDIERS DISGUISED AS GOU MILITARY. HE GAVE SOLDIERS FULL POWERS TO ARREST SUCH PEOPLE AND PRAISED THOSE DOCTORS WHO HAD RUN AWAY AND THEN DECIDED TO RETURN HOME. HE URGED OTHERS WHO HAD RUN AWAY TO RETURN ALSO.

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4. AMIN ANNOUNCED THAT IF HE WENT TO OAU CELEBRATIONS IN ADDIS, MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO, BRIGADIER KILI, WOULD BE IN CHARGE OF CABINET. HE WOULD NOT BE ACTING PRESIDENT, HOWEVER. AMIN WOULD CONTINUE PRESIDENTIAL DUTIES IN ADDIS.

5. AMIN ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT ALL UGANDA'S AMBASSADORS AND HIGH COMMISSIONERS WOULD ATTEND OAU CELEBRATIONS SO THAT THEY CAN FOLLOW OAU ACTIVITIES. HE PRAISED THEM FOR GOOD WORK ABROAD IN PUTTING UGANDA ON WORLD MAP.
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